

# CHANGES ON THE WESTERN FRONTIER

Until the 1860s, the migratory Indians of Montana—including the Blackfeet shown here—followed the buffalo herds and traded peacefully with whites in the region.



**1870** Red Cloud, chief of the Oglala Sioux, states his people's case in Washington, D.C.



**1880** James Garfield is elected president.

**1881** Garfield is assassinated. Chester Arthur becomes president.

**1884** Grover Cleveland is elected president.

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**1870**

**1880**

**1869** Suez Canal is opened.



**1872** Secret ballot is adopted in Britain.

**1881** French occupy Tunisia.





## INTERACT WITH HISTORY

It is the late 1890s. The American West is the last frontier. Ranchers, cowboys, and miners have changed forever the lives of the Native Americans who hunted on the Western plains. Now westward fever intensifies as “boomers” rush to grab “free” farm land with the government’s blessing.

*What do you expect to find on settling in the West?*

### Examine the Issues

- What might be some ways to make a living on the Western frontier?
- If native peoples already live in your intended home, how will you co-exist?
- How might settlers and Native Americans differ regarding use of the land?



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**1889** Oklahoma opened for settlement; the land rush begins.

**1890** Sioux are massacred at Wounded Knee.

**1893** Diminished U.S. gold reserve triggers the panic of 1893.

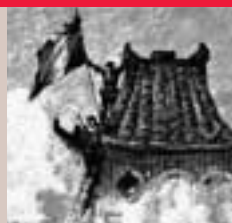
**1896** William McKinley is elected president.

**1896** William Jennings Bryan runs for president.



**1890**

**1900**



**1893** France takes over Indochina.

**1899** Berlin Conference divides Africa among European nations.

**1900** Boxer Rebellion takes place in China.